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#### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 6341, AN ACT CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION OF RUMBLE STRIPS ON ROUTE 66.

Good Morning Co-Chairs Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrero; Vice Chairs Senator Leone, Representative Arce; Ranking Members Senator Boucher, Representative O'Dea; and esteemed members of the Committee. My name is Melissa Ziobron and I am proud to represent the 34<sup>th</sup> District, which encompasses the towns of East Hampton, East Haddam and part of Cokchester. I am testifying in support of a bill that I have proposed—HB 6341.

However, as of Tuesday February 10<sup>th</sup>—I am happy to alert you that the need for this bill is a moot point. Commissioner Redeker, in response to a joint letter sent last month from me and Rep. Carpino has agreed to address our concerns for the safety of this area on Rte.66. State Project 170-3260 is slated to begin this summer and will install a centerline rumble strip in the area of concern, known locally as "The Ledges".

East Hampton and Portland residents will be well served by this safety enhancement. Both towns have experienced a tremendous loss, due to fatal accidents in this area and Rep. Carpino and I are grateful to the Commissioner and DOT staff for recognizing this as a much needed safety enhancement.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Ziobron", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Melissa Ziobron  
State Representative  
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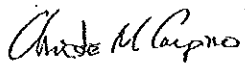
Dear Commissioner Redeker,

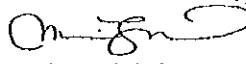
We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your time and attention to the issues plaguing Route 66 in both Portland and East Haddam. Per your response to our joint letter we sent back in January, the Department of Transportation's Project 170-3260 will seek to address these issues.

The addition of rumble strips will serve as an alert system to those driving through the more accident prone portion of Route 66, known as "The Ledges." It is both exciting and imperative that this project begin in the construction season of 2015. In light of the recent recorded motor vehicle accidents, occurring on this specific stretch of Route 66, we are greatly appreciative the department is taking immediate action to create a safer environment.

At this point, we do not feel it necessary to proceed with *H.B. No. 6341 AN ACT CONCERNING CONSTRUCTION OF RUMBLE STRIPS ON ROUTE 66*, as the department has already committed to inserting the rumble strips in 2015. Once again, thank you Commissioner for the attention and corrective measures you have set forth to making the state roadways in our district safer to travel.

Sincerely,

  
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State Representative, 32<sup>nd</sup> District

  
Melissa Ziobron  
State Representative, 34<sup>th</sup> District

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